

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification on Page 5 between lines 7 and 8 by inserting the following new paragraph:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows a drying oven according to the invention; and

FIG. 2 shows a section view along line 2-2' of FIG. 1.--

Please amend the Specification on Page 5 between lines 8 and 9 as follows:

--Turning now in detail to the drawing, the drying ~~equipment~~ oven includes ~~magnetrons~~ means for microwave drying 1 with a total power of 8kW arranged along an elongated box adapted to receive a conveyer 5 with the upper portion of its endless belt passing through the box. ~~The box has two reflection zones 8 situated at its inlet and outlet end. The box is further equipped with an exhausting system consisting of ventilators 2 and with smoke detectors 6 that may initiate the fire extinguishing water jets. On the bottom of the box there is a water outlet 4 and attached to the outer side of the bottom is a control panel 7. The box is further fitted with wheels 9.~~ Each book or stack of paper material 3 is lined on its upper side and lower side with ceramic slabs 4 ~~to form blocks 3 that~~ which are disposed on the belt conveyer 5.--